

OPTIMISM GROWS AFTER SCOTT MAKES REPORT

President Reviews His Three Years in the White House

MAKES PUBLIC REVIEW GIVEN TO PRESS CLUB

Speaks of Difficulties of Presidency and Particularly of Motives Which Have Guided His Handling of European Situation

AMERICA FOR PEACE BECAUSE LOVES PEACE

Says United States Has Grown to Be One of Great Nations and Must Act from Viewpoint of Rest of World

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 16.—President Wilson tonight made public a frank and intimate review of his three years in the White House and his impressions of foreign and domestic problems, delivered confidentially last night before Washington correspondents gathered at the National Press club. He spoke of the difficulties of the presidency and particularly of the motives which have guided his handling of the European situation.

"America," the president said, "is for peace because she loves peace, and believes the present war has carried the nations engaged so far that they cannot be held to ordinary standards of responsibility."

But he added, the United States has grown to be one of the great nations of the world and therefore must act "more or less from the point of view of the rest of the world."

"If I cannot retain my moral influence over a man except by occasionally knocking him down," he said, "if that is the only basis on which he will respect me, then for the sake of his soul, I have got to occasionally knock him down."

The president declared he had been kept awake nights considering the European situation, because there might come a time when the United States would have to do what it did not desire to do, and "the great burden of my spirits has been that it has been up to me to choose when that time came." He added that he did not conceive that he had been elected president to do as he pleased.

"If I were, it would have been very much more interesting," he said.

Impressions of public men as a class were given frankly by the president with the comment that some grew and some swelled. He also discussed the relations of the newspapers to the affairs of the nation and sounded a warning that false information about foreign affairs was more than likely to lead to trouble.

The president said:

"I am both glad and sorry to be here; glad because I am always happy to be with you, and know and like so many of you; and sorry because I have to make a speech. One of the leading faults of you gentlemen of the press is your inordinate desire to hear other men talk, to draw them out upon all occasions, whether they wish to be drawn out or not. I remember being in this press club once before making many unprepared disclosures of myself, and then having you with your singular instinct for publicity insist that I should give it away to everybody else."

"I was thinking as I was looking forward to coming here this evening of that other occasion when I stood very nearly at the threshold of the duties that I have since been called

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AUSTRIANS PROGRESS AGAINST ITALIANS IN TYROL AND ON ISONZO

CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS HAVE HARD SLEDDING

LONDON, May 16.—"Conscientious objectors" whose objections to military service have been overruled by the military tribunals, are having a hard time of it. A score of them left Rhyl, Wales, today for different prisons to undergo varying degrees of punishment, as a result of their court martial on charges of refusing to obey military orders. Several were sentenced to two years at hard labor. Some of them had refused to put on khaki or serve and all refused to drill.

CONGRESSIONAL UNION ENVOYS IN WASHINGTON

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WASHINGTON, May 16.—Envoys of the Congressional union for women's suffrage brought their 10,000 mile tour of the country to a climax tonight with a final plea to about 50 representatives and senators gathered in the rotunda of the capitol for passage of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment at this session of congress. A dozen suffragettes, including several representatives of states in which women are enfranchised urged their cause and hinted broadly that this would be a good year for both democrats and republicans to get on the suffrage bandwagon.

As many spectators as could crowd into the rotunda listened to the speeches, and hundreds stood in the plaza outside to applaud the suffragettes, who marched on the capitol in a body to the air of "The Marseillaise."

Four hours previously the "suffrage special" bearing the envoys rolled into the railway station to be received by a large local delegation of women workers. There followed a luncheon at which about three hundred persons were seated and an "experience meeting" during which most of the envoys spoke. Then the envoys were borne to the east steps of the capitol in motor cars for a triumphal march into the building.

The steps were crowded with suffragettes garbed in white dresses and the purple, gold and white sashes of the organization and carrying flags of the same color. Five little girls preceded

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Progress against the Italians in Southern Tyrol and on the Lower Isonzo and a continuation of the Russian advance through Kurdistan to Warichi, the Russian objective being the Bagdad railway, are related in the latest official communications from Vienna and Petrograd. In the other theaters there is much artillery fighting but little activity by the infantry.

The Austrians in the region south and southeast of Trentino and Vienna reports capturing Italian trenches and 8,650 men, among them 65 officers and captured seven guns and eleven machine guns. The entry of Austrians into Italian trenches east of Monfalcone, near the head of the gulf of Trieste and the capture of additional men.

Foreign reports that the Russian force which recently drove out the Turks from the Rowanduz region is continuing in progress westward toward Mosul and the Tigris river region, and is drawing nearer the Bagdad railway. To the northwest around Diarbikr the Turks were attacked.

On the greater portion of the line in Belgium and France the artillery of both the Germans and entente allies are active, especially around Hill 304 northwest of Verdun.

The Germans have directed another infantry attack against the French positions west of Hill 304 for the possession of which there has been much sanguinary fighting but the maneuver was again checked by the French curtain of fire. The Germans in the lake region between Dvinsk and Vitebsk attacked and occupied Russian trenches near Lake Dofje. The Russians, however, in a counter attack expelled the invaders, and drove them back to their former position. In the lower Stripa region of Galicia the Teutons launched an attack against the Russian trenches but were repulsed.

Air Attack Fails

ROME, May 16.—It is reported that Austrian air raiders on Monday attempted to attack a train on which were Queen Helena and the children of the royal household. The attack failed and the air raiders were put to flight by Italian airships.

Premiums Reduced

LONDON, May 15.—The reduced number of British ships sunk by submarines during the last fortnight, and the German note to the United States to sink no more steamers without warning has caused the underwriters to reduce the premium on war risks by one-half of one per cent.

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BOND ISSUES IS THEME FOR ROAD WORKERS

Arizona Good Roads Association Closes Annual Meeting With Re-election of Dwight B. Heard As Its Presiding Officer

MARICOPA COUNTY LEARNS OF BONDS

Information of Much Practical Use Secured In Discussion By Delegates From Counties Already Issuing Highway Bonds

OFFICERS OF ARIZONA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

President, Dwight B. Heard. Vice-president, Gustav Becker. Secretary, Harry Welch. Treasurer, A. J. Chandler. Vice-presidents: Hon. Geo. W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona.

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Maricopa county delegates at the closing session of the Arizona Good Roads association meeting yesterday afternoon drank in huge masses of information concerning county bond issues, to them, by far the most interesting topic discussed at either session. So intent were they upon learning now nine other counties had raised bond issues for roads, and how some of the work had been done, that they scarcely entered into the discussion, except to precipitate additional debate by the interjection of questions.

Resolutions favoring the Bankhead federal aid bill, a new road law for Arizona and a roads fund in the Indian appropriation bill, were included in the approved report of the resolutions committee.

Touched upon lightly in several addresses during the morning session, bond issues became the real tonic only when the afternoon session had progressed through several warm discussions of legislative matters. President Dwight B. Heard opened the discussion by calling upon representatives of other counties to recount their experiences with road bonds. A. J. Eddy of Yuma told about the method pursued in that division, where a plan of two parallel roads had been fixed upon before the bonds were voted. He also mentioned an error Yuma county had fallen into, when authorized the construction of a mile and a half of the highway toward Phoenix, in the vicinity of the Gila river. The river had moved over and taken possession of that land, and now the road must be moved to the mesa. A point on which great stress was laid, was brought up by Allen T. Bird of Santa Cruz, who from the fullness of experience said "Your advisory committee should be given

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FOUR CAVALRYMEN IN BATTLE WITH MEXICANS

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DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 16.—Four troopers of the Twelfth cavalry are reported in local military circles to have engaged a small but superior force of Mexicans Saturday morning and exchanged a number of shots with them, killing one and driving the others off. The duel occurred on the New Mexico border a few miles southeast of Culberson ranch near Antelope Wells, it is stated.

The report says that the Mexicans opened fire on the patrol while its members were riding along the border. The Americans replied, after dismounting and taking cover. For several minutes the exchange of shots continued until one of the Mexicans fell apparently dead. His companions then rode away. The American soldiers did not know what Mexican faction the attackers belonged to.

This was the basis for a Mexican attack scare which caused a number of ranchers of the Antelope Wells

vicinity to send their families to Hachita Saturday. It is stated. The civil population of Hachita, frightened by stories brought by the ranchers, armed themselves and sat up all night, ready to aid the soldiers stationed there to repel any raid which might be made.

A telephone message from Naco tonight says that arrivals there today report that the city officials of Cananea summoned prominent American residents to come to the city hall, about the middle of last week. The Americans were asked if it were true that all American women and children were to be sent to Arizona and that the Cananea Consolidated Copper company might close down.

They replied in the negative. The mayor then stated that he would deport any American or other foreigner who was proved to have spread false rumors and any Mexican apprehended as a rumor monger would be summarily shot.

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ARIZONA GUARD TO BE MUSTERED IN IN FEW DAYS

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DOUGLAS, Ariz., May 16.—Although it had previously been stated by officers of the Arizona National Guard that the various organizations had been mustered into the federal service, Saturday, Captain Berkeley Enoch, Eleventh infantry, appointed as chief mustering officer by General T. F. Davis, stated today that but two of the regiment had been mustered in. These are the quartermaster, Captain A. C. Taylor, and the adjutant, Lieut. Clyde Hockett whose duties made this step imperative. The remainder of the regiment will be mustered in within the next few days as soon as Captain Enoch can complete the preliminary details.

Captain S. J. Morris, medical corps, chief medical officer and sanitary inspector of the guardsmen, stated today that he will inoculate men for typhoid fever and vaccinate them for smallpox in a few days.

The guardsmen are being drilled, whenever possible and are making distinct advances in the manual of arms. Many of the privates are men of wealth or high standing, social or politically in their home communities. There are several members of the state legislature among them some of the prosecuting attorneys and other officials. They are earnest and patriotic as well as anxious to learn.

The second and third battalions, machine gun platoon and regimental band of the Fourteenth infantry, Colonel R. H. Wilson, commanding, went into camp today and before night fall had cleared the mesquite brush from the campsite, erected their tents and taken some steps looking toward personal comfort.

The Mexican situation showed no new developments today, except that Americans arriving from the north reported increasing tension of feeling

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MOTIVE OF U. S. IS UNDERSTOOD NOW MORE FULLY

General Scott Says Carranza and His Advisers Have Better Idea of Purposes of United States Than Before

SITUATION IS NOW LESS ACUTE

Oregon Entered Conference With Apprehension But Departed Satisfied Expedition Was for Purpose As First Stated

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WASHINGTON, May 16.—An optimistic view of the Mexican border situation was laid before President Wilson and his cabinet today by Secretary Baker, after a long conference with Major General Scott, chief of staff. General Carranza and his advisers now understood the motives of the Washington government more fully than ever before, as a result of the conference at El Paso between General Scott and General Funston and General Obregon, Mr. Baker was able to tell the cabinet, and tension along the international line has greatly relaxed.

General Scott believes that the whole situation is less acute than it has been at any time since the raid on Columbus, N. M.

General Obregon, it is learned, entered the conference with much apprehension, as to the real purpose of General Pershing's swift march deep into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his raiders. In Mexico, he said, it seemed as though a great force armed with cannon and all the impedimenta of war could not be moving merely in pursuit of one bandit chieftain and his handful of followers. Undoubtedly, Obregon reflected fears felt in Mexico City that the expedition was in reality a step toward intervention by the United States.

The American conferees were able to convince the Mexican war minister, and through him General Carranza, that President Wilson's announcement of the purpose of the expedition told the whole story; that its mission was only as described, to pursue or capture the bandits and return across the line. The striking accomplishment of Generals Scott and Funston lay in the fact that they succeeded in doing this without making any pledges as to when American troops would be recalled.

The change in General Obregon's views was clearly indicated by promises made at the conclusion of the conference, promises approved by General Carranza, and which he is now carrying out with promptitude and vigor, according to official reports from army officers and consular officials in Mexico. It is these pledges which are interpreted as forming an unwritten agreement. They include the following:

That 10,000 picked troops under General Trevino, the ablest of the Carranza field commanders occupy and police the territory around Parral, where there are no American troops.

That an effective patrol be thrown about the Mexican side of the Big Bend region of the Texas border to head off the Glenn Springs and Bonillas raiders; that every effort be made to liberate J. Deemer, the American stockkeeper, captured and carried away by the bandits, and

That no troops will be moved from the forces in Sonora state through Pulpita pass to operate in the rear of General Pershing's force.

While General Scott, for his part, made no promises as to withdrawal, and very clearly stated to General Obregon that United States troops would stay in Mexico until Carranza forces had fully demonstrated their ability to handle the bandit situation, assurances were given that American troops would not operate in parts where Carranza forces were active. This will be done to avoid the possibility of clashes, and for the same reason no attempt to co-operate the

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